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# YALE CHAPLAIN AMONG 7 SEIZED IN MONTGOMERY

New Freedom Riders Are  
Arrested at Cafeteria—  
Professors in Group

NEGRO LEADER IS SHOT

Assailant Fires From Car—  
U. S. Marshals Reduced  
From 666 to 100

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By United Press International.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., May 25 —Seven more Freedom Riders, including three from Yale University, were arrested today. They had planned to take a bus from here to Jackson, Miss.

At the same time, a Negro integration leader was wounded by a shot from a passing automobile. Four other Negro leaders were also arrested on charges of breaching the peace.

[Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy reduced the number of Federal marshals in Alabama from 666 to 100. He acted apparently under a policy of toning down the Justice Department's police role in the dispute.]

The seven riders jailed were: The Revs. William S. Coffin Jr., chaplain, and Gaylord Noyce, Professor of Religion at Yale; Drs. John Maguire and David Swift, Professors of Religion at Wesleyan University in Middleton, Conn.; George B. Smith, Negro student at the Yale Law School, and Clyde Barter and Charles Jones, Negro theological students at Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, N. C.

## Speedy Trials Promised

They were charged with disorderly conduct when they sought service at a segregated lunch counter used without incident by two groups of Freedom Riders who preceded them to Jackson yesterday.

Authorities pledged "speedy trials. The first hearings are scheduled tomorrow.

Gov. John Patterson, commenting on the arrests, said he had ordered the first group of riders out of Alabama yesterday to ease unrest.

He said the state had acted after receiving "assurances they wanted to leave, that they would not return, that others would not come here to cause unrest."

The state is not "committed to escort invaders all over Alabama to permit them to flagrantly violate our laws and customs," he declared.

The second group of Freedom Riders "came against the urging of the United States Attorney General and in violation of our agreement," he said.

## King Wires President

Meanwhile, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, as head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, sent a telegram to President Kennedy, saying "a perpetual reign of terror still exists in Montgomery." He asked that Federal marshals not be withdrawn "at this crucial moment."

Dr. King, who returned to his Atlanta office, said Negro leaders could not go along with Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy's request for a cooling-off period.

"We cannot, in good conscience, cool off in our deter-

mination to achieve first-class citizenship," he said.

He repeated his prediction that mass Freedom Rides would be undertaken, but said he could not give exact dates now.

The integration leader also said he was sure that "no responsible Negro leader" had given Governor Patterson the assurances he had mentioned.

## Gave Advance Notice

The seven who were seized today had indicated in advance that they would seek service at the counter, and in turn had been warned by Governor Patterson that they would be arrested if such an attempt were made.

Maj. Gen. Henry V. Graham, State Adjutant General, had offered them the same armed convoy provided for yesterday's group. It would have consisted of fifty National Guardsmen and thirty-two highway patrolmen, with instructions to escort the group to the Mississippi border.

"Now everyone is happy," General Graham commented. "This is what they wanted and we have accommodated them. They've been arrested quietly, like they wanted to be, and now I'm happy, too."

A crowd of about 150, mostly white, cheered as the mixed group was removed to jail.

"That's where they ought to be all the time," a man shouted.

The seven differed from earlier groups of Freedom Riders in that they had no direct connection with those planning the rides.

Dr. Maguire said he decided to join the movement when he saw his boyhood home here in newsreels taken during recent riots.

In the shooting incident, the Rev. Solomon Seay said he had just stepped outside his front door when he saw a youth, apparently white, stick a rifle out the window of an old model car speeding on the highway.

"I just happened to have my hand up in front of my face and the bullet struck my wrist," he said. There were several youths in the car, he added.

Mr. Seay is executive secretary of the Montgomery Improvement Association, a leading group in the integration fight.

The other Negro leaders arrested were the Revs. Ralph Abernathy, Fred M. Shuttlesworth and Wyatt T. Walker, and Bernard S. Lee, Atlanta student leader.

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**OFF TO JAIL:** Dr. John Maguire, at left, wearing jacket, a professor at Wesleyan University, and the Rev. William S. Coffin Jr., center, chaplain at Yale University, are loaded into a truck after being arrested in Montgomery, Ala. Sheriff Mac Sim Butler, partly hidden behind soldier at right, arrested four white men, all college faculty members, and seven Negroes as they were eating yesterday at bus terminal lunch counter.

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